Growth target for FPIs

387. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government set a target of 8 per cent growth in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are going to bring the National Food Processing Bill/the Processed Food Development Bill before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) While no target has been fixed, in a study got conducted recently by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries through National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) a growth rate of 10.1 per cent for food processing industries has been projected during the Tenth Five Year Plan in case the GDP grows at 8 per cent per annum.

(c) A Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend an Integrated Food Law has been constituted by the Government, which has to consider, *inter-alia,* the draft National Food Processing Policy and the Processed Food Development Bill. Taking into consideration the various procedures involved, it is not possible to fix a definite time frame.

FDI in food processing industry sector

388. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given sanction to the proposals received for Foreign Direct Investment during March, 1998 to September, 2002 in the food processing industry sector;